

CLAIMS

What is claimed as invention is:

1. A roofing shake, comprising:

5 a body member having an exposure portion, a toplap portion, a headlap portion, a shake butt, an upper edge, an upper surface, and a lower surface; and

at least one fastener channel in said body member and extending between said upper surface and said lower surface adapted for installation of a strip through which fasteners may be driven into roof sheathing to secure said shake body to the roof.

10 2. The roofing shake of claim 1, wherein said body member tapers from said butt end to said upper edge.

15 3. The roofing shake of claim 1, wherein said exposure portion includes at least one cavity having a lower end and an upper end, said cavity adapted to function as an insulative chamber.

4. The roofing shake of claim 3, wherein said cavity is filled with insulative material.

20 5. The roofing shake of claim 4, wherein said insulative material is polystyrene.

6. The roofing shake of claim 1, wherein said cavity tapers from said lower to said upper end.

7. The roofing shake of claim 1, wherein said fastener channel includes a plurality of pointed barbs to capture a fastening strip.

8. The roofing shake of claim 1, wherein said fastener channel includes a lip to support a fastening strip.

9. The roofing shake of claim 1, further including a plurality of upper edge tabs to prevent uplift in windy environments.

10. The roofing shake of claim 1, wherein said butt includes an arcuate ledge.

11. The roofing shake of claim 1, wherein said upper surface includes surface texture that simulates a rough wood shake finish.

12. The roofing shake of claim 1, wherein said lower surface includes a plurality of slots to channel water and to provide ventilation between the shakes and the roof sheathing.

13. A method of installing a roofing shake, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a shake body member having an exposure portion, a toplap portion, a headlap portion, a shake butt, an upper edge, an upper surface, a lower surface, and at least one fastener channel in the shake body member and extending between the upper surface and the lower surface;

inserting a strip into the fastener channel; and

driving fasteners through the strip and into roof sheathing to secure the shake body to the roof.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the shake body member exposure portion includes at least one cavity having a lower end and an upper end, adapted to function as an insulative chamber.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the cavity is filled with insulative material.